

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0035] The samples Nos. 28 and 29 were obtained by using Ni foamed metal having a coating weight of  $140 \text{ g/m}^2$  (Cermet, produced by Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.) and by performing of molding, sintering, and casting shown in the Fig. 3. Reference character "t" in Figs. 5 and 6 denotes the plate thickness of each sample.